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The Honorable David H. Wilkins
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Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

I am hereby returning without my approval H. 5136, R-380, a joint resolution which directs the Department of Health and Environmental Control to cease issuing new ambulance service licenses for no more than 120 days or until DHEC has the necessary personnel to enforce existing licensure requirements. I am vetoing this joint resolution because DHEC has informed this office that it has sufficient personnel to complete full inspections on applications for new ambulance service licenses.

DHEC has indicated that budget cuts have adversely impacted its ability to inspect existing ambulance service providers. This joint resolution, however, does not address existing licenses. Instead, it prohibits the issuance of new licenses. DHEC has been conducting full inspections on new license applicants and has indicated it will continue to do full inspections. Thus, the 120 day moratorium on new licenses is unnecessary and unreasonably restricts new service providers from obtaining licenses.

For these reasons, I am vetoing H. 5136, R-380.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

Mark Sanford